



JESUS, THE CHURCH AND GOD'S KINGDOM: NT Survey (BIBL 1033)

Fall 2026 – Monday 1-5pm

September 7 – November 16, 2026

Location: Southwest Church of Christ, Tigard, Oregon

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course continues the grand narrative of the Christian worldview as established in the New Testament while learning to read scripture in its historical and literary context. Students will examine how Jesus' life and ministry fit within Old Testament prophecy and themes concerning the Kingdom of God, while showing how the first century church worked to embody the teachings of Jesus. The course will give special attention to the Gospels, Acts, and letters of the New Testament.

COURSE RATIONALE AND OBJECTIVES:

Studying the New Testament is essential to the life of a follower of Jesus Christ. The course's objective is...

- To increase students' understanding of historical, literary, and theological contexts of the New Testament
- To equip students to read and analyze scripture in a theologically and intellectually responsible way
- To enable students to think carefully about Kingdom principles and practical aspects of church life as depicted in the New Testament
- To encourage students to engage in thoughtful and respectful discussion of sensitive interpretational issues and to love the Word of God!

Christian Worldview & Teaching Philosophy

This course is an Oklahoma Christian University Bible course offered for credit at the Northwest School of Discipleship (NWSD), based in Tigard, Oregon. NWSD is a church-based educational initiative that seeks to help transform believers into the image of Christ through offering courses grounded in the three essential features of discipleship: Knowledge, Affection, Obedience.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

1. **Weekly Quizzes** (60%). Each class begins with a 20-25 question quiz over select material from the previous class session and the reading material for the day. The lowest quiz score will be dropped and not calculated into the grade. Except for extreme circumstances, there are no make ups for missed quizzes.
2. **Essays** (25%) – Each student will write two short reflection essays on issues of New Testament interpretation. Essays will be composed during a 2hr proctored session outside of class and submitted at the time indicated in the course outline, at the beginning of class. See essays guidelines for more information.
3. **Participation** (15%) – Active participation in class discussion is critical to the educational benefit of the course. The participation grade is a combination of class involvement and quality of notes taken on NT readings.

COURSE POLICIES:

Grading Policy:

Weekly Quizzes	-	60%
Essays	-	25%
Participation	-	<u>15%</u>
		100%

Course grades are calculated according to the following scale:

100 – 90%	=	A
89 – 80%	=	B
79 – 70%	=	C
69 – 60%	=	D
0-59%	=	F

Required Texts:

1. Walter A. Elwell and Robert W. Yarbrough, *Encountering the New Testament: A Historical and Theological Survey*, 4th Edition. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2022.
2. ESV Study Bible

Oklahoma Christian University Policies

This course is accredited through Oklahoma Christian University and consequently the following policies apply:

Oklahoma Christian University Policy on Academic Honesty

Cheating

Cheating on examinations, assignments, roll sheets or other course related work or activities undermines the ethics of the academy and the specific Christian purposes of Oklahoma Christian University. Cheating is one form of academic dishonesty. Cheating triggers the Consequences for Academic Dishonesty.

Plagiarism

One particular form of cheating is plagiarism. Plagiarism is the transmission of another's ideas, words, or materials as one's own and/or the failure to credit accurately the ideas, words, or materials of another. Plagiarism also includes passing off another person's work as one's own. Plagiarism undermines the ethics of the academy and the specific Christian purposes of Oklahoma Christian University. Plagiarism is one form of academic dishonesty. Plagiarism triggers the following consequences.

Consequences for Academic Dishonesty

1. First offense: the mandatory consequence for academic dishonesty with regard to an examination or assignment is zero (0) credit. Faculty have discretion to assign appropriate consequences for academic dishonesty other than on examinations or assignments. Faculty must send documentation of the first offense to the appropriate chair, the dean of the appropriate college, the CAO, and the Dean of Students.
2. Second offense: the mandatory consequence for a second incident of academic dishonesty, in the same course, during the same term, is a failing grade (F) in the course. Faculty shall provide documentation of the second offense to the appropriate academic leader, dean, CAO, and the Dean of Students.
3. Appeal: A student accused of academic dishonesty may appeal the determination using the process for Grade Appeals, found below.
4. Multiple Course Violations: When a student has been academically dishonest in more than one (1) course the Academic Appeals Committee may assign consequences up to and including suspension from the University. The Academic Appeals Committee will inform the CAO and the Dean of Students in writing of consequences imposed and will report annually on its activities to the University's Academic Affairs Committee. 5. Faculty should maintain the highest standards of academic honesty both in and out of the classroom. Faculty must report and apply the rules regarding academic dishonesty to the appropriate channels.

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Sources of Help

Tutoring	Student Success 405.425.5907 www.oc.edu/academics/student-success/
Writing Lab	Writer's Block http://writersblock.oc.edu/
Research Help	Library 405.425.5312 Ask a Librarian (libanswers.oc.edu) library.oc.edu
Information Technology	Support Central 405.425.5555 support.oc.edu/home
Calling & Career Office	Day Six (located directly below Admissions) Career counseling, strengths analysis, resume and portfolio building, interview mastery, network building, career search/ landing, and more. 405.425.5961 www.oc.edu/daysix

Americans with Disabilities Act

If you have a diagnosed disability and need special accommodations, please notify Sharon Powell (405-425-1876) before your first scheduled class meeting. After your disability has been verified, your instructor will work with you, Sharon Powell, and the Office of Academic Affairs to provide reasonable accommodations to ensure that you have a fair opportunity to perform in this course.

Testing Center

A number of special circumstances may require students to take a test outside of the classroom. You may qualify to use the Testing Center if: 1) you have testing accommodations that allow for additional support; 2) you are a student athlete and are unable to test during the

scheduled time; or 3) other circumstances that prohibit you from taking an exam in the classroom environment. Please contact studentsuccess@oc.edu for more information or questions.

Policy and Procedures Addressing Sexual Harassment (Title IX)

Oklahoma Christian University is a Christian community unequivocally committed to ensuring a working and learning environment in which the dignity of every individual is respected and providing a campus environment that is free of unlawful discrimination, which includes sexual harassment, sexual assault, or sexual misconduct. OC's Policy and Procedures Addressing Sexual Misconduct are compliant with Title IX, which states, "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." Sexual harassment is a breach of community, which expresses disrespect, exploits and undermines relationships based on trusts, and interferes with learning and productive work. Refer to the Student Handbook in MyOC for more information.

Students are encouraged to immediately seek available assistance and report incidents of sexual misconduct as defined by the Sexual Misconduct Policy to the Title IX Coordinator:

Title IX Coordinator	405.425.6463
Tamie Willis	titleix@oc.edu

Students have access to confidential services through OC's Counseling Center.

OC Counseling Center 405.425.5250

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WK		Class Topics	Readings & Assignments
1	Sept 7	The Canon of Scripture & Christian Worldview. Backgrounds of the NT	Quiz 1 • Matt 1-26 • ENT, 1-2
2	Sept 14	Jesus and the Kingdom: Matthew & Mark	Quiz 2 • Matt 27-28; Mark 1-16; Luke 1-8 • ENT, 3-5
3	Sept 21	Jesus and the Kingdom: Luke and John	Quiz 3 • Luke 9-24; John 1-11 • ESVB, 2015-2018 • ENT, 6-9
4	Sept 28	Life of the Early Church: Acts of the Apostles	Quiz 4 • John 12-21; Acts 1-16 • ENT, 13-16
5	Oct 5	Essentials of Biblical Interpretation Romans	Quiz 5 • Acts 16-28; Rom 1-6 • ESVSB, 2561-75 • ENT, 17-18
	Oct 12	No Class – Mid Term Break	Essay 1 due at beginning of class
6	Oct 19	I-2 Corinthians Galatians	Quiz 6 • I Cor. 1-16; 2 Cor. 1-13. • ENT, 19
7	Oct 26	Philippians, Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon	Quiz 7 • Philippians, Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon • ESVSB 2257-2261 • ENT, 20
8	Nov 2	1-2 Thessalonians 1-2 Timothy, Titus	Quiz 8 • 1-2 Thess; 1-2 Timothy, Titus • ESVSB 2321-2324 • ENT, 21
9	Nov 9	Hebrews, James, 1-2 Peter	Quiz 9 • Hebrews, James, 1-12 Peter • ENT, 22 & pgs 344-349
			Essay 2 due at beginning of class
10	Nov 16	I-3 John, Jude, Revelation	Quiz 10 • I-3 John, Jude, Revelation • ENT, 23-24